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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN-KENYAN RELATIONS

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1. ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY MAJ. NADEW ZEKARIAS, MEMBER OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, ARRIVED IN KENYA APRIL 26, BRINGING MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT KENYATTA (REFTEL). DELEGATION HAD PREVIOUSLY VISITED FIVE SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND IS EXPECTED TO GO TO UGANDA AFTER LEAVING KENYA. AS OF APRIL 29, DELEGATION HAD NOT MET PRESIDENT, BUT THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL GIVEN UNCERTAIN STATE OF KENYATTA'S HEALTH.

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2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD DCM THAT IN MEETING AT MFA, ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION HAD SAID THAT TERMINATION OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA SHOULD NOT RPT NOT HARD GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND KENYA. KENYAN OFFICIAL CONFIDED TO DCM THAT KENYA WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT ETHIOPIA CONTINUE TO BE SUPPLIED BY U.S. RATHER THAN SOVIETS, BUT GAVE NO FURTHER INDICATION OF HOW KENYA VIEWS

ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH ETHIOPIA IN LIGHT OF EVOLVING SITUATION
IN THE HORN.

3. COMMENT: WHILE IT IS CLEAR THAT KENYA WILL TAKE NO
STEPS TO BURN ITS BRIDGES WITH WTHIOPIA, CHARGES LEVIED
BY ETHIOPIA AGAINST SUDAN, U.S. AND VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES
ARE NOT LIKELY TO RECEIVE SYMPATHETIC HEARING FROM KENYA,
SINCE IT HAS STRENGTHENED ITS OWN TIES WITH THESE COUNTRIES
SUBSTANTIALY IN PAST TWO YEARS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS
NOTEWORTHY THAT KENYA HAS ASKED ETHIOPIA TO MEDIATE WITH
TANZANIA (SEPTTEL), SUGGESTING THAT KENYA STILL REGARDS ITS
RELATIONSHIP WITH ETHIOPIA AS SPECIAL.
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